

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-4 are pending in the application, with claims 1 and 3 being the independent claims. Claim 3 is sought to be amended to include an inadvertently omitted "and" prior to the last method step. Claim 4 is sought to be amended to properly refer to a term used in the claim from which it depends. The specification is sought to be amended to add priority information not available at the time of filing, and both the specification and the abstract are sought to be amended to correct minor typographical and/or grammatical errors. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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